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CONSTRUCTION OF BLAST FURNACES IN GDR METALLURGICAL PLANTS (1 p; German; dated [redacted]

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[redacted] which gives brief data on the construction of blast furnaces in GDR metallurgical plants, as follows: 1) The Ministry of Metallurgy and Ore-Mining approved the planned reconstruction of the charcoal blast-furnaces at Weidenbrunn. 2) The same type of blast furnaces which operate satisfactorily at Unterwellenborn/Maxhuetten Steel Plant are to be installed at the Neuhuetten Plant in Schmalkalden. Initially, two blast furnaces, with a daily maximum capacity of 250 tons each, are to be installed. The Neuhuetten Plant is scheduled to start production by the middle of 1953, and will probably operate as a branch of the Maxhuetten Plant.

It is also mentioned that Chief Engineer P. Clemens was arrested as being responsible for the breakdown of the "West" Metallurgical Combine, Calbe.

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